

EXAMINER'S REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: The claims are allowable for the reasons stated in the previous action.

Regarding the references cited on IDS filed on Mar. 7, 2008, the Spence reference teaches a plurality of reflective pixels 14 are mounted on a substrate and utilizing individually controllable piezoelectric elements to change the height of the reflective pixels unlike the claimed invention which is directed to a SLM array (disclosed in Fig. 5) which comprises an array of SLM 104 (Fig. 4), which includes an active area of mirror array 300 and adjusting a position of a SLM in the SLM array.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Peter B. Kim whose telephone number is (571) 272-2120. The examiner can normally be reached on 9:00 AM - 5:30 PM.

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